**Writing Non-Negotiables for Legg Middle School**

1. Students will use correct capitalization throughout their writing.
   1. All proper nouns
   2. The pronoun “ I”
   3. The first letter at the beginning of a sentence
   4. In titles
   5. In abbreviations as required
2. Students will use correct end punctuation.
   1. A period at the end of a declarative sentence
   2. An exclamation point at the end of an exclamatory sentence
   3. A question mark at the end of an interrogative sentence
3. Students will write in complete sentences throughout their composition.
   1. No fragment sentences
   2. No run on sentences
4. Students will indent each paragraph in their writing.
5. Students will follow rules of spelling.
   1. No more than 4 spelling mistakes will be allowed in each composition
   2. Absolutely no “text language” or non-standard abbreviations ( \*\* ‘cause/cuz, lol, u, i, ur ima, 2, gonna, wanna etc..)
6. Students will employ proper usage of the following homonyms:
   1. To, two, too
   2. Were, where, wear, we’re
   3. There, their, they’re
   4. Your, you’re
   5. Our, are
7. Students will write sentences that have proper subject/ verb agreement.
8. Students will write in a consistent tense throughout the composition.